

SENATOR GORE'S GREAT MEMORY.

Blind Statesman's Remarkable
Feats Shown in Tariff Debate.

MEMORIZING, HIS LIFE HABIT.

It is said that nothing ever heard by the Oklahoma Senator. Escapes Him—Frames His Speeches at Night in Bed and Does His Thinking For the Next Day.

If any man in the United States is entitled to the sobriquet of "the man who never forgets" it is Thomas P. Gore, the blind senator from Oklahoma. He might have also, and properly, the nickname of "the man who never sleeps." The attention of the United States recently has been drawn to Senator Gore's remarkable memory by a demonstration of it the other day on the floor of the senate. Senator Lodge of Massachusetts the day before had concluded a long tariff speech in defense of the New England cotton manufacturers, in which he took issue with several statements made ten days previously by Senator Gore as to the profits made in this business.

Senator Gore arose in his seat and, relying solely on his memory, although he has a habit when speaking of holding a manuscript in his hand as if reading from it, replied at length, employing figures and statistics with which no ordinary man would tax his memory. In the course of that speech Senator Gore took up seriatim a dozen items by name, giving their capital stock, their surplus, their earnings, the par value of their stocks and a host of other fiscal incidents. A man with eyes would never have trusted his memory with such a series of facts, especially when he knew that his antagonists were eagerly drinking in every word in the hope of catching him in a misstatement of fact.

This feat of memory by the blind senator is not his greatest performance. It would be hard to designate any one act of memorization on his part as greater than several others which might be mentioned. For instance, when he was a boy of sixteen years of age, his friends say, he could repeat any ordinary speech after hearing it read twice. Senator Gore is now only thirty-nine years of age and at that time had been blind only a few years. He had acquired the power of concentration, however, even at that age, and this is the secret of his great memory.

It is of record that Senator Gore conceived his senatorial ambition at the age of twenty when one of his friends read to him a debate in the senate from a Congressional Record. He has gained all of his knowledge of men and events since then through friends and relatives and particularly his wife through reading and conversation. Given an even chance in the senate, he has already demonstrated that he has no superior and few equals as a ready debater on any subject which may be broached. He has a facile knack for making innocent remarks with a sting to them. When Senator Smoot of Utah recently challenged a broad statement of Senator Gore's about the profits of the cotton industry Senator Gore astounded him by doing practically what he did to Senator Lodge, quoting a long list of firms and profits, to offset which the senator from Utah, who is in possession of all his faculties, could from sheer astonishment offer nothing in reply.

How does Senator Gore memorize? It is his habit of life. Nothing escapes him which comes from word of mouth in his immediate vicinity. Before he went to Washington he had a library in his home in Oklahoma of probably 600 volumes. It is said of him that he could go to any bookshelf in that library and pick out the book he wanted by feeling of it. Now that this library is increased and he has gone to new quarters in the senate office building he is not quite so familiar with the lay of his belongings, but he can describe any book he owns, even to its color and texture, so that any one else can find it, and he can detect the wrong book when put into his hand if it is one he has ever held before.

When he wants material for a speech his memory tells him where it can be found if he has ever heard of the subject before. He has those portions read to him which are of the most benefit to his argument at issue. If they are figures he may have them read twice. During the following days and nights they are turned over many times in the course of memorization and arrangements in logical sequence for delivery. Unless the speech is long delayed in delivery it is not necessary for the blind senator to refresh his memory by a rereading of the facts of his argument. He can carry them for days and months, and if sufficiently important he never forgets them. The cotton

figures which he recently quoted to Senators Lodge and Smoot were read to Senator Gore twice.

Not long ago Senator Gallinger sought to confound Senator Gore by an apt quotation from Macbeth. Quick as the human mind can form a sentence Senator Gore retorted by an equally apt quotation from the same tragedy, which put Senator Gallinger utterly to rout. Senator Gore, it transpires, has not been any more of a student of Shakespeare than of several other authors; but, having had the tragedy read to him at some time in the past, no sooner was one part of it quoted against him than his almost infallible memory came to his rescue with a sharp pointed blade of retort from the same source.

Perhaps one of the greatest feats of memory the senator has attempted since he became a senator was prepared for the debate during the filibuster on the Aldrich-Vreeland currency bill in the last session of congress. The senator memorized by states the increases and decreases of federal deposits in the national banks between two dates during the panic. He was allowed to put the figures in the record because, he said, he did not wish to "consume the time of the senate in stating them;" but as usual, he was prepared to do so "if challenged." This table was half a column long in small (agate) type in the Congressional Record and contained two rows of figures.

Daily Senator Gore sits quietly in the senate, listening to the debate on the senate tariff bill. He rarely interrupts any one to ask a question for information unless it is to demonstrate that a mistake has been made. Throughout the whole tariff session he has not failed once to stir the senate when he has interrupted a speech.

After a session is over Senator Gore may retire to his office to prepare a speech; if not, he goes home. Because of his physical affliction he is denied the pleasures of most men, and he usually stays at home. There he turns over in his own mind everything that has occurred during the day. His memory brings back to him every word that has been uttered which appealed to him in accord with his own sentiments or contrary to them.

It has been said that it is after he has gone to bed that the senator in the quiet of the night does his thinking for the day to come. It is then he frames his speeches best. Only recently Mrs. Gore is said to have found him muttering to himself at 4 o'clock in the morning.

"Going after them again, Tom?" she inquired.

"Yes," replied the blind senator quietly, resuming his speech.

This performance is a part of the everyday life of the blind senator. He is always studying and thinking and planning. There is little else he has to do, and the concentration of his mind is his habit. It has won him his place in the senate, given him confidence to assert himself among his fellow men without fear or favor and made him one of the most feared debaters of his time in congress. He has effectually downed the report which preceded him to Washington to the effect that he was chosen senator by Oklahoma because of his plea "for the little woman with brown eyes" (his wife). He stands today in the senate on his own merits, respected by Democrats and Republicans alike for his ability to make the best of them look twice before tackling a blind man.—Washington Cor. New York Post.

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Popular Parisian Fad.

The freak photograph is the popular fad in Paris at present. Several photographers are making it a specialty and turn out the humorous, grotesque and gawdies in large quantities. One of these received in New York recently shows a young woman fashionably attired carrying in her hand a hat of the peach basket shape containing her head. Another represents a man contemplating his own smiling face. He holds the head as Hamlet was supposed to have held the skull of Yorick. Still another shows a young man in a coffin, smoking a cigarette and supposedly listening to the funeral oration, which is being delivered by himself.

Knife Blade Building.

Facing the new Williamsburg bridge plaza, in New York, will be built an office and store structure only six feet eleven inches wide. The depth will be a hundred feet. It will be built on the southwest corner of Delancey and Clinton streets. It will be two stories high. The cost is placed at \$10,000. The narrow strip of land was left by the cutting away of the blocks taken to make the plaza.

DICKINSON'S FOOTBALL SQUAD

Captain Mount Pleasant Has His Team Working Hard in Practice.

By ROSS E. AMOS.
Frank Mount Pleasant, captain of the Dickinson college football team for the coming season, has taken his squad out for preliminary practice and has it hard at work at many new plays formulated by himself. A hard schedule for the ensuing season has just been completed, and the students of the college are much pleased that definite arrangements for a game with the University of Pennsylvania have been completed.

Mount Pleasant's work on the gridiron has drawn much attention to him, and the strong desire of the Pennsylvania "rooters" to see him in action has resulted in the arrangements for a game with Dickinson on Franklin field.

Mount Pleasant's home is Niagara Falls, N. Y. He is twenty-four years of age. Seven years ago he entered the Carlisle Indian school, where he soon made a record for himself playing on the third and second teams against the varsity teams of the leading prep schools. He played two years on the varsity of the Indian school and was considered by Coach Warner as his main drawing card. Last year Mount Pleasant was on the American Olympic team and also competed in the athletic carnival at Paris. Mount Pleasant is a modest, unassuming youth and an accomplished musician. He plays on the piano and is in no manner likely to impress one as being an athlete. His room is decorated with trophies of athletic achievements won at home and abroad. He is very popular with the students and especially well liked by the freshmen, whom he instructs in calisthenics.

MOTORBOAT RACES.

Plans Being Completed For Big Carnival Off Newport Aug. 11, 12, 13.

Arrangements have been made for the motorboat carnival to be held at Newport, R. I., under the auspices of the Newport Yacht club, Aug. 11, 12 and 13. Members of all regularly organized yacht and motorboat clubs in the United States, Canada and Europe are invited to enter their boats. The program:

Aug. 11.—Long distance race for Rudder trophy, cruisers under thirty feet, ten miles handicap; racers twenty-five feet and under, ten miles handicap; cruisers over forty feet and under sixty, fifteen miles handicap; cruisers over sixty feet, fifteen miles handicap; racers thirty-two feet and under, twenty miles handicap.

Aug. 12.—Free for all for cruisers forty feet and under, fifteen miles; free for all for cruisers over forty feet, fifteen miles; racers forty feet and under, twenty-five miles handicap; free for all for racers twenty-five feet and under, ten miles; free for all for racers thirty-two feet and under, fifteen miles; free for all for racers thirty-eight feet and under, twenty-five miles.

Aug. 13.—Free for all race for auxiliaries, catboats, around Gould island; consolation race for racers (handicap) that have not won an event; free for all race for racers of unlimited length and power for the Newport cup, thirty miles. Classes for hydroplanes will be arranged providing the number of entries is sufficient.

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BADGERS PLAN EASTERN TRIP

May Go to Japan to Play Baseball With Keio.

Provided the consent of the faculty can be obtained, the University of Wisconsin baseball team will travel to Japan this summer to play a series of games with Keio university in Tokyo. The offer was received recently by the university athletic authorities from the Sunflower Kingdom institution, and the Badgers are in high hopes that they will be able to accept. The contract provides for expenses for twelve men, the team to arrive in Tokyo by Sept. 1. A series of twelve games will be played with the lads at the mikado's university, and the visiting team will be entertained for a month in the far east.

Wisconsin was the last university to accept the challenge of the Japanese players, but through the influence of Genkwan Shibata, a student at the University of Wisconsin, the Badger offer was accepted. It is felt that the university faculty will allow the team to make the trip on account of the educational features attending it.

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